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From: NevadaClearinghouse
To: Hook, John D CIV USARMY CENWW (USA)
Subject: RE: USACE Invites your Comments on the Expansion of Federal Participation in Watercraft Inspection Stations Supplemental EA and FONSI (UNCLASSIFIED)

Dear Interested Party:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District, (Corps) invites public comments on the draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for geographic expansion to include Nevada and Wyoming in Federal Participation in Watercraft Inspection Stations and Rapid Response Actions to Protect the Columbia River Basin. In the current program, the Corps cost-shares with Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

The Corps is now considering sharing costs with the states of Nevada and Wyoming for watercraft inspection stations, invasive species monitoring, and rapid response planning. These actions are needed to delay zebra and quagga mussel infestations in the Columbia River Basin (CRB), as well as across Nevada and Wyoming. The proposed action is needed because the risk of water bodies in the CRB being infected is high and the introduction of zebra or quagga mussels has the potential to cause billions of dollars in economic damage and substantial damage to the ecosystem and the species dependent upon it.

The 30-day comment period is open from June 5, 2020 until July 6, 2020. All information and comments submitted will be included in the permanent public record.

Electronic comments may be filed directly online at:
<http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/EnvironmentalComplianceComment/> or via email to NEPANWW@usace.army.mil, inserting "Geographic Expansion SEA" in the subject line.

You may also mail comments to:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District CENWW-PPL-C - Geographic Expansion SEA
201 North 3rd Avenue
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

The Draft FONSI and SEA are available in electronic form through the Corps' website at:
www.nww.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Compliance/.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. John Hook, Environmental Resource Specialist, at 509-527-7239.

Sincerely,

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